

Boston, March 1, 1852.

Dear Mr Estlin,

At length we have got all things together, necessary to make up our Annual "English box" - it is packed - ready to be closed, and to go on board the good Ship (would that she bore a worthy name) "Daniel Webster", which is to sail for Liverpool the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. It is a larger Box, much, than usual. We send about 1000 Copies of the "Bazaar Gazette" - upwards of 100 of the Annual Report of the Mass. A. S. Society - about 125 Copies of the "Letter to Kossuth" issued by the Am<sup>r</sup>. A. S. Society, and written & compiled by Mr. Garrison - nearly or quite 100 Copies of the "Liberty Bell" - and about 75 Copies of the Volume of "Selections from Mr. Garrison's Writings & Speeches". He was enabled to send these copies of his book, himself, by a subscription for that purpose among half a dozen of his friends. Besides, ~~there~~ Wendell Phillips sends 75 to 100 Copies of a Pamphlet "Proceedings of the Woman's Rights Convention at Worcester in October last" to such friends as he knows, or has reason to think, will be pleased to receive them. All these, with sundry additions from one & another, on individual account, have completely filled up a box of twelve Cubic feet - not so large to be sure as your Bristol Box to the Fair, but quite as large as a Box of Books & pamphlets ever should be, for it is very heavy. - I have pleasure in sending you the "American Almanac" for this Year, & a few pamphlets, which you may



like to see. I also send for your inspection a copy of the Report made to our State Legislature, a year or two since, by a Committee especially appointed to make a Sanitary Survey of the State. This, after you have made such use of it as you like, I should be pleased to have you send to Philip P. Carpenter. I saw, by some numbers of the "Helper", which his sister sent me last year, that he was very much interested in the subject. Possibly ~~by~~ some friend here may already have sent this Report to him; - in which case, I will be happy to have you retain this copy, or put it to any service you may choose. - I hope our offerings to our British friends will not quite lose their interest to them by their late arrival. We have been sadly delayed in the printing of the "Annual Report". It is a more interesting document than usual this year, - as it has Wendell Phillips's two ~~most~~ <sup>best</sup> interesting Speeches made at the late Annual Meeting. The "Kosuth" pamphlet has a value far beyond any mere controversy relating to his course; it is a magazine of facts and illustrations of Slavery, which have deeply stirred its readers here. There is quite a wide difference of opinion, even among Abolitionists, as to the propriety & consistency of Kosuth's course in this country - as you will have perceived from the columns of the "Liberator". But the arguments of those Abolitionists, who seek on moral grounds to excuse & justify his course in this country, appear to me very sophistical & contradictory.

Thank you for the "British Banner", containing Dr. Campbell's Blast against the "Infidel School of Americans



Abolition", I see we are destined to a bad name among the great, the "wise", & the "pious" of this world. Some of our old weather-beaten antislavery Agents would say that it required a priest and a Doctor of Divinity to concoct such a mass of falsehood, slander, & malignity as that piece is. To be sure it quotes - & correctly quotes - some very admirable & unexceptionable (in our sight) Resolutions, adopted from time to time at various antislavery gatherings; - but its closing convulsive throes, in which it brings out the charge against Mr. Garrison & his friends of "No Marriage" doctrines & practices, is more vile & infamous than ~~ever~~ anything which I remember to have seen. He has confounded together two men named Dyer - (who probably never saw each other, & have no more affinity than you & Louis Napoleon) - he has put into the mouth of the "Perfectionist", "No-marriage" Noyes [perhaps I among the true "Perfectionists" by attaching the name to Noyes] words that were uttered by another man - he has represented Noyes & his followers as <sup>of in sympathy with Garrison,</sup> Abolitionists, while they are said to be very "pro-slavery" - ~~are~~ inimical to Garrison, &c. As to these men - Noyes & Co. - & their doctrines, we know & hear very little about them here - about as little, I think, as you probably do of the Secret Societies of Central Europe. Never was a more wholesale, gratuitous, & unpardonable case of False Witness, than this base & blackhearted effort of Dr. Campbell, - Mr. Garrison has all the facts in the case; and in due season he will attend to Dr. Campbell. We tell him he must demand of Dr. Campbell an opportunity to reply, in the "Banner". Garrison says he knows that Dr. C. will



refuse this - having refused him a ~~similar~~ similar request, made as a matter of justice & right, when he was last in England. Nevertheless I think the request should by all means be made. It will be worth something to have it refused. Whether granted or refused, we shall gain by it. I cannot but think that, by the addition of that last charge to his piece, Dr. Campbell will find he has overshoot his mark, & even perhaps shattered his own better sense & reflecting readers must see that that charge is too gross, & altogether improbable. In that case, it will react. When first I read the piece, I ejaculated "What a scoundrel this writer is!" - I handed the paper to Anne Weston (who was at our Office that day, aiding in preparing & putting up the "Liberty Bells" letter) & at length she exclaimed, "this man is a villain"; - and he has fared no better at the hands of any one yet who has seen the article. The doom of the slanderer & false witness awaits him. Both in this world & the next that doom shall overtake him. He has well merited the first Prize at the hands of him who was "a liar from the beginning", for the best specimen of sheer mendacity, and unqualified slander, that the Nineteenth Century has produced, - I can safely say this for I defy man, even with the aid of the "father of lies", to go farther.

Mr. Garrison has just got back from a week's visit to the State of New York, where he has been to attend a Series of Meetings - Daniel Webster is pulling hard at the "Colonization" string; he is representing Clarkson & Wilberforce as the friends of that system! - If a man be not faith in Truth, Justice, & Right, as realities somewhere, & as actual here in many cases, he would grow very tired of life & the world.

You will have heard, before getting this, of the death of Rev. Will Ware. Dr. Gaunett has recently met with a severe affliction, in the loss of his younger son.

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In the little parcel I send you, you will find a "Christian Inquirer". You will notice it contains a pains-taking effort of Dr. Dewey - partly to explain away, & partly to defend, his now notorious saying of his readiness to send his nearest relatives & friends into slavery, &c. &c. To my mind, he does not better the matter by his laboured explanation; but he does show that he has felt the force of the rebukes that have been given him, and that he feels <sup>very</sup> uneasy at the strong tide which has come to set against him <sup>because of his</sup> hateful doctrines. The Ed. of the Inquirer hopes that Dr. Dewey may generally have the benefit of his own explanations. I sincerely hope so too. I hope that all concerned - & especially our English Unitarian friends - will give this self-defence of Dr. Dewey's a wide circulation.

We have very unpleasant news today from Syracuse, <sup>(N.Y.)</sup> a violent gale which commenced yesterday, (Sunday Feb. 29.), soon after midnight of Saturday, blew down the tall & heavy steeple of the Unitarian Church there (S. J. May's), - and in such a direction that it fell lengthwise upon the roof of the building, crushing it down, & making a mass of ruins of the entire edifice - as well as much injuring an adjoining house. Fortunately no person was severely injured. This is the telegraphic despatch; we shall have more particulars tomorrow. The gale was very severe in New York, doing much damage, it is said. It blew terribly here, blowing bricks & slates from house-tops, &c. A large body of people stood for a long time yesterday morning watching the tall, wooden spire of a neighbouring Baptist Church, which visibly swayed with the wind. But it did not fall.

In my late letter to you, by mail, I failed to say, as I should have done, (but overlooked it) that the "Donation of £1. 5. 0 from friends in Isle of Wight, by Rev. E. Kell" has not yet been received.



Probably Mr. Webb received it (if he has rec<sup>d</sup>. it) after he had forwarded his Annual Account to Miss Weston, and Mr. Wallcut. Doubtless it will come to hand in good time, or do good service in his hands. He ~~must~~ is, of course, subjected to some charges & expenses in distributing the numerous parcels which we send to his care (in our Annual box) - These charges should of course be defrayed, in part at least, by the Bazaar funds. —

I attended long since, as you requested, to the matter of having the "Standard" sent to Mr. Massie. I have no doubt that it regularly goes to her, and I hope that she gets it.

In your last to me you speak of the fatigue you experience from writing. I am very sorry to hear of this. But I sincerely hope that you will not unduly tax your strength, either for your correspondents, or in any other way. You also speak of "an irregular heart", as the result of your efforts in writing. — I should feel greatly obliged to you, if, at a convenient time, & without so much length as to make it laborious, you would tell me how your heart is affected — if its irregularities of motion are attended by pain — and what can best be done for irregular Circulation of the blood, with occasional palpitation, & some slight pains. — I find myself thus affected. I have as yet consulted no physician on the matter, — which, very likely, you will tell me is the very thing I ought to do; — which I certainly should have done, but that I dread to going to take medicine; for I am not well situated, just now, to be sick. Diseases of the heart are set down (in the Sanitary Report



(before mentioned) as having increased amongst us 500 per cent.  
(I think it is) within 30 or 40 years. Is any such fact established  
with you?

We hear, with very deep regret, of a bad accident  
Mr. Follen has met with in London, from being knocked down  
by a horse, & run over. We of course look anxiously for later  
news.

I think our friends the Chapmans and Westons  
would have been unspeakably better off, had they taken your  
advice, done as Mr. Follen has done, & remained in England this  
winter. They must be under considerable restraint in Paris.  
~~These~~ <sup>coming to them</sup> Letters are opened & read before they receive them; & very  
probably those they write receive similar treatment. At any  
rate, they fear it, & so they have to write in the most guarded way.  
The course of French affairs does almost seem to make good  
your opinion of them, that they know nothing of liberty, are not  
capable of providing for it, & are not fit to possess it. What  
it is hard for them to have such a brutal & heartless dog as  
that Napoleon junior saddled upon them. — I read with no  
little interest the remarks of Lord John Russell & Lord Palmerston,  
at the opening of Parliament, on the dismissal of the latter. I  
do not admire Lord John Russell — he appears to me spiritless & timid; yet  
I cannot help thinking that he had the right in this matter, and  
that Palmerston really took unwarrantable liberties on the French question.  
— It seems to me that Lord P. has the qualities & qualifications for a very  
able Premier. He doesn't like to work in a subordinate place, as Lord  
John R.'s tribute to Grt. Britain, as the refuge of the oppressed & banished  
of all nations, is deserved. The oppressed of all nations do flock thither,



including those of our own land - the boastful, but faithless & forsworn American Republic. When I think of William and Ellen Craft, flying in terror from their land, and now quietly enjoying free liberty, and pursuing, not only not opposed but most cordially helped & encouraged, the paths of knowledge, - qualifying themselves for useful & honorable places, in life, - I feel strangely enough. What? fly from a Republic to a Monarchy, to find freedom, & to acquire being the fruit, the "self-evident," the "inalienable" rights of Men! - I grow almost sick at the thought that we are, as a Nation, daily living such an abominable lie. - You will excuse my plain speaking ~~that we omit unnecessary & circumlocutory phrases~~ - I hope. We have <sup>had</sup> so much talk to <sup>do</sup> you, that we omit unnecessary & circumlocutory phrases, and at once call things by what we consider their right names.

I return to you in this parcel several letters & notes which have been kind enough to send me from time to time. Some of them, I think you will want to have again - perhaps you will like them all. - I send, also, a copy of the note I wrote to the Christian Inquirer (N. York) with P. P. Carpenter's Extract, & H. W. Bellows's Reply.

And now, my dear Mr. Estlin, with a thousand thanks for all your kindness, for your patience with my correspondence, and for your steadfast friendship to our cause in all weathers - and with the sincerest regards to your daughter, in which my wife and Ade. very warmly unite with me, believe me,  
Yours most truly,

Samuel May, Jr.